(b) what percentage of the rural workers in agricultural labour and industrial labour

(c) by what percentage the purchasing power of the rural areas improved during the Seventh Five Year Plan period over the Sixth Five Year Plan and how does it compare with the purchasing power of the urban areas; and

(d) what achievements have been made with the implementation of labour intensive programmes in the country so far?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (SHRI RADHAKRISHAN MALAVIYA); (a) to (d) The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

**Fire fighting equipments in Government building in Delhi**

2217. SHRI KRISHNA KUMAR BIRLA: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a,) what is the number of Government buildings in Delhi which were required to be provided with, fire fighting equipments by the end of June, 1989;

(b) what is the number of Government buildings which have ben provided with fire fighting equipments by the end of June, 1989; and

(c) whenn the process to provide fire fighting equipments in the Government buildings in the city was actually started and what are the reasons for delay in providing the facility in the remaining buildings?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI DALBIR SINGH); (a) 31 high-rise Government buildings under the charge of the Ministry of Urban Development and maintained by the Central PWD were found to be deficient in fire safety requirements.

(b) and (c) Estimates for augmentation/provision of fire safety measures in a large number of the buildings have already been sanctioned. Recently, an Electrical Circle under a Superintending Engineer has been sanctioned in the Central P.W.D. for the specific purpose of execution of fire safety measures in all the identified buildings. The works will be taken up shortly and it is expected that these will be completed in about a year's time.

**Cultivation of Kesri Dal**

2218. SHRI KRISHNA KUMAR BIRLA: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) what are the names of the States producing Kesri Dal in the country and
- what is the estimated production in each of these States;

(b) whether, in view of its consumption causing serious health hazards even physical disability, the Government of Madhya Pradesh had, sometime in 1982 submitted a proposal to the Government to ban its cultivation and to propagate alternate crops;

(c) whether a study team set up to suggest remedial measures for Kesri Dal problems, had in its report submitted to the Government suggested ban on the export of Kesri Dal and its sale in the Mandis; and

(d) if so, what are the reasons for delay in taking a decision to ban the cultivation of Kesri Dal in the country which has dangerious effects on the health of the consumers?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND COOPERATION IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI SHYAM LAL YADAV): (a) The names of the States and their estimated production of Kesri Dal during 1987-88 is as under:—

| State | Production ('000 Tonnes) |
|---|---|
| Bihar | 265.4 |
| Madhya Pradesh . | 198.1 |
| Maharashtra | 18.5 |
| West* Bengal | 35.9 |
| **TOTAL:** | 517.9 |